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Obesity: Etiology, Prevention, and Treatment 2024

Session 1a

Obesity Pathophysiology: Treating the Chronic Disease of Obesity

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Genetics of Obesity

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Epidemiology and Health Risks of Obesity

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Obesity Complications and Co-Morbidities

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The Interplay Between Fatty Liver and Cardiovascular Disease

Carlos Fernandez-Hernando, PhD

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Session 1b

Carbs, Calories, or Quality: What Matters Most for Body Weight?

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Food Order/Nutrient Sequence: Physiological Effects and Therapeutic Implications

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Diet - More than Just What's On the Plate: Implications for Meal Timing and Frequency

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Nutrition Recommendations for Adults with Obesity

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The Role of Physical Activity in Obesity Management

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Obesity: Why is it So Hard to Keep Weight Off?

Michael Rosenbaum, MD Professor Emeritus & Special Lecturer in Pediatrics & Medicine, Associate Director of CTSA

Session 2a

Women's Health and Obesity

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Childhood Obesity and the Associated Rise in Metabolic Complications

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AM An Ounce of Prevention: A Brief Family-Centered Approach to the Obesity Counseling in Pediatric Care

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Pharmacotherapy for Obesity in Youth

Aaron Kelly, PhD Professor of Pediatrics, Auxiliary Chair in Children's Health, Co-Director of Minnesota American Legion Center for Pediatric Obesity Medicine, University of Minnesota Medical School Claudia Fox, MD, MPH, FAAP, DABOM Associate Professor, Co-Director of Center for Pediatric Obesity Medicine Department of Pediatrics, University of Minnesota



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New Rules and New Tools: Pediatric Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery

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Pediatric Metabolic-Associated Fatty Liver Disease (MAFLD)

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Pediatric Case Presentations

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Session 2b

Overview of the Medical Assessment of Adult Obesity

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The Landscape of Behavioral Interventions in Obesity Medicine

Ariana Chao, PhD, CRNP, FNP-BC, RN Associate Professor School of Nursing, Johns Hopkins University

Setting Up a Weight Management Clinic, Including Insurance & Reimbursement Strategies

Jamie Mullally, MD, DABOM Associate Professor New York Medical College

How Bias and Stigma Influence the Outcomes of Obesity Prevention and Treatment

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Session 3a

Nutrient-stimulated Hormone-based Medications for Treating Obesity: Sparks From the Pipeline Ania Jastreboff, MD, PhD

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On-label Pharmacological Approaches to Obesity

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Off-label Pharmacotherapy for Obesity

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Side Effects of Pharmacological Treatment and Their Management

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Pharmacotherapy-based Cases

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Session 3b

Sleep and Obesity: Altering Energy Balance

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Sleep Apnea and Obesity

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Eating Disorders and Obesity

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Stress and Obesity: Behavioral and Appetitive Influences

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Session 4a

The Role of the Gut in the Etiology and Treatment of Metabolic Disease

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Weight-loss Surgery: Procedures and Outcomes and Pre/Post-operative Processes

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Overview of Complications of Bariatric Surgery

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Bariatric Endoscopy

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Nutrient Metabolism and Obesity: Special Considerations After Bariatric Surgery

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Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatotic Liver Disease (MASLD)

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Session 4b

Beyond BMI: Strategies to Optimize Clinician-supported Weight Loss Plans

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Advanced Cases I

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